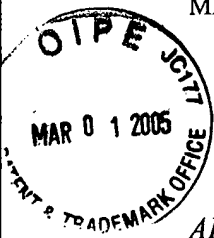


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----RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION----

APPLICATION AND INVENTOR INFORMATION:

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SUMMARY OF FIRST OFFICE ACTION:

This patent application describes a holistic topical skin care ointment effective in treating dry skin disorders, to which some individuals are non-responsive to traditional prescriptive treatment.

In the first office action, a restriction requirement (35 USC 121) was issued and the claims pertaining to utility of the formulation were withdrawn (Claims 17-21) – 9/14/2004. Pursuant to restriction, the following rejections were made on the product formulation – 12/2/2004. (35 USC 112- Second Paragraph) – where claims 2-13 are indefinite regarding % weight, claim 10 was indefinite for failing to point out how propolis can be substituted for garlic and claim 12 was unclear as to what constitutes niacin derivatives. A rejection under 35 USC 102 (b) – was issued for information in referenced patents and publications described by Burachevskii, Kimura, Terry, Dr. Clark, Matsui, Minetti, Kidena, Hamada, Buyn/Mabberly, Scivoletto, Tereshinko, Detsina and the plant book, all which describe a combination of at least one component in claim 1a with one of claim 1c with an acceptable carrier.

SUMMARY OF RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION:

An interview was held between the applicant and examiner at 1:30 PM on February 15, 2005. A first amendment is being filed with changes to the claims in order to address the issues regarding 35 USC 112 – Second Paragraph – and 35 USC 102B with a request for re-examination.

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